

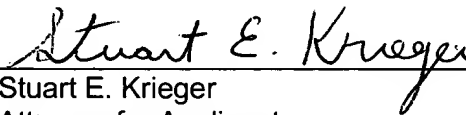
ostomy pouch envelope distal to the base. The ostomy pouch includes an opening for encircling the stoma that is predeterminedly sized.

The references cited by the Examiner do not disclose or suggest the ostomy pouch as presently claimed in newly amended claim 1 or the claims dependent thereon. There is no disclosure of an ostomy pouch having the carrier as claimed. The references cited by the Examiner describe diapers, sanitary napkins, briefs and other absorbent structures and refer to them as a pouch. There is, however, no teaching or suggestion of an ostomy pouch with a carrier having an absorbent pad, as claimed.

In view of the above, allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Twice Amended) [A collection] An ostomy pouch for collecting [matter] waste excreted from a human body through a stoma, the pouch including an envelope formed of a flexible plastic sheet material defining a waste collection chamber, said envelope having an interior surface portion, a base and top, the envelope having an opening predeterminedly sized for encircling a stoma, the envelope fitting to the human body around the stoma, [the pouch having a base and an enclosed volume adapted to collect solid human waste, comprising] the envelope having a carrier[,] including an absorbent pad [which comprises or] that carries at least one malodour counteractant, said carrier being fixedly attached directly or indirectly to [a wall] the interior surface portion of the [pouch] envelope, [away from] distal to the base of the envelope [pouch].

2. (Twice Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant is a coating on part, or all, of a surface of the carrier.

3. (Amended) [A] The Ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant is adhered to the carrier by means of an adhesive.

4. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein said carrier carries a matrix and at least one malodour counteractant.

5. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix is a hygroscopic matrix.

6. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises glycerol and polyethylene glycol.

7. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises one or more surfactants.

8. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises one or more soaps.

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10. (Twice Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent pad is a composite comprising one or more of the following:

- (i) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) sodium polyacrylate, glycerol, water, and (3) tissue paper;
- (ii) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) viscose and super-absorbent fibres, and (3) tissue paper;
- (iii) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) viscose and super-absorbent fibres; and
- (iv) polyvinyl alcohol fibres and super-absorbent fibres.

11. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant is an oxidising agent generator.

12. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises a hydrogen peroxide generator.

13. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises a chlorine dioxide generator.

14. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 12, wherein the hydrogen peroxide generator is a metal perborate.

15. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 14, wherein the metal perborate is sodium perborate.

16. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises one or more antibacterial agents and/or one or more fragrance additives.

17. (Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the carrier is heat sealed, or welded to the pouch wall.

19. (Twice Amended) [A] The ostomy pouch according to claim [18] 1, wherein the malodour counteractant [generator] is effective in reducing the odor[, as smelled by the user,] of excreted bodily fluid as smelled by a user of the pouch.